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IRON MAN

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WARRIOR  
IMPACT 2

THE INVINCIBLE

IRON MAN

HEROES REBORN  
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DON'T MISS THIS  
END OF AN  
ERA  
EPIC!

SENTINELS!  
ASCENDANT!



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ONCE UPON  
A TIME...

A MAN NAMED CHARLES  
XAVIER--AN IMMEASURABLY  
POWERFUL MUTANT MIND,  
ACTUALLY, IN THE ALL-TOO  
FRAIL BODY OF A MAN--

--ENVISIONED A WORLD  
WHERE BOTH WALKED  
SIDE BY SIDE, HAND IN  
HAND, INTO THE  
BRIGHTEST OF FUTURES.

RECENTLY, HOWEVER,  
DECISIONS MADE IN  
MOMENTS OF IN-  
EVITABLE EXHAUSTION  
AND WEAKNESS--  
HIS MOST HUMAN  
MOMENTS, SOME  
MIGHT SAY--HAVE  
TAKEN THEIR TOLL...

A DREAM OF  
PEACE, WORTH  
FIGHTING FOR.

...AND PROFESSOR  
XAVIER IS NOW WELL  
AND TRULY LOST IN THE  
SHADOW OF

**ONSLAUGHT.**

NOTHING'S REALLY  
CHANGED, IN FACT,  
EXCEPT HIS POINT  
OF VIEW.

NEW YORK,  
NEW YORK,  
FOR INSTANCE...

WORSE.



...JUST LIKE HE  
PICTURED IT.

WAY  
WORSE.

Stan Lee  
PRESENTS...

# NIGHT NEVERENDING

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THE BOY NAMED  
TONY STARK.  
ON THE OTHER  
HAND, IS TOTALLY  
NEW TO ALL THIS.



NEW TO THIS TIME, IF  
NOT THIS PLACE. NEW  
TO THIS LIFE OF  
CRISIS AND CRUSADES,  
CERTAINLY, THIS  
WORLD OF VILLAINS  
AND HEROES...

WORSE  
THAN IT  
WAS TEN  
MINUTES  
AGO.

BRAND-SPANKING  
NEW TO THE TRUSTED  
TRADITION AND  
FELLOWSHIP OF THE  
MIGHTY AVENGERS.



CONSULATE'S COMPLETELY  
CUT OFF ALREADY STREET-  
SIDE, QUICKSILVER.  
XAVIER'S TOY ROBOTS  
ARE POSTED TWO TO A  
BLOCK, FAR AS I  
CAN--

THEY ARE NOT  
XAVIER'S, STARK.

HE IS NOT  
XAVIER ANY  
LONGER.

REMEMBER  
THAT.

TONY  
CATCHES UP  
QUICK ENOUGH,  
PIETRO--DON'T  
DOUBT THAT  
FOR A  
SECOND--

--AND I'M  
A LOT MORE  
INTERESTED IN THE  
RESULTS OF HIS  
RECON JUST  
NOW.

WITHOUT  
ANY INNATE POWERS  
OF HIS OWN--AND NONE  
OF HIS REAL HIGH-TECH  
EXPOSED ABOVE GROUND--  
WE HAD GOOD REASON  
TO SUSPECT.





...TO HOPE, REALLY, THAT THE SENTINELS' PROGRAMMING WOULD FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL THREAT.

NO VISIBLE RESPONSE, DR. PYM, THAT MUCH I'M SURE OF...

...BUT I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GUESS WHAT THEIR INTERNAL SYSTEMS REGISTER WITHOUT GOING BACK UP FOR A FULL SENSOR SCAN.

CURB THE CURIOSITY, TONY, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I'M AFRAID...

...YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE JUICE.

WITH THE POWER BLACKED-OUT CITYWIDE NOW, THE OTHERS ARE RELYING ON US TO PROVIDE THE PSI-SHIELDS NEEDED FOR AN ASSAULT ON ONSLAUGHT'S CITADEL...

...BEFORE ONE MAD MUTANT'S RESPONSE TO MAN'S INHUMANITY--



--PROVES THE DEATH OF US ALL.



WHO THE--?

MY APOLOGIES, QUICK-SILVER...





...BUT THIS IS  
THE JUDGMENT DAY  
WE HAD ALWAYS  
EXPECTED FROM  
YOUR FATHER  
INSTEAD.

A  
DANGEROUS  
APPROACH.

YOU  
COULD HAVE  
BEEN HURT,  
PANTHER.

THE BLACK PANTHER,  
SPECIFICALLY.

WARRIOR-PRINCE OF THE  
NATION-STATE OF WAKANDA,  
HIDDEN IN THE DEEPEST  
HEART OF DARKEST AFRICA...

HOME TO THE UNIQUE  
ELEMENT KNOWN AS  
VIBRANIUM, AND  
HOST TO THE MOST  
ADVANCED TECHNO-  
ECONOMY OF THE  
MODERN AGE.



IF I OFFENDED  
YOU, OLD FRIEND,  
IN ANY WAY  
AT ALL...

IN  
TRUTH,  
AVENGER,  
I WOULD  
BE THE  
VERY LAST  
TO DEFEND  
MAGNETO'S  
HISTORY.



BUT THESE ARE TRULY THE WORST  
OF TIMES.

AND THEY  
HAVE COME TO  
SEEM SO  
FINAL, SO  
QUICKLY...

WE'RE DOWN,  
PIETRO, BUT  
NOT OUT.

NOT  
NOW.



WITH T'CHALLA'S  
ACCESS TO THE  
CONSULATE, THE LAB  
EQUIPMENT AND  
SUPPLIES AT HIS  
DISPOSAL  
INSIDE--

ARE  
AS GOOD  
AS OURS.



I KNOW  
THE DRILL,  
DOCTOR.

LET'S DO IT  
ALREADY.

HE IS NOT  
CALLED  
QUICK-  
SILVER FOR  
HIS SPEED  
ALONE.

HIS APPARENT  
ARROGANCE  
AND VOLATILE  
TEMPERAMENT ARE, IN  
FACT, IMPATIENCE.

AND IMPATIENCE IS THE  
NATURAL PRICE OF PIETRO  
MAXIMOFF'S  
MUTANT POWER, AN UN-  
NATURALLY RAPID RESPONSE  
AND FLEETNESS OF FOOT  
THAT MAKES HIM FIRST...

...AMONG  
EQUALS.

ALWAYS FIRST FORWARD  
INTO THE FRAY, AT LEAST...

...AND NOW FIRST BACK  
IN THEIR FACE.

RETREAT,  
AVENGERS,  
RETREAT--

--THEY'RE  
COMING--

--THE  
WATERS  
ARE  
COMING!

FOR FAR MORE  
OBVIOUS REASONS,  
THE GOOD DR.  
HENRY PYM...





...IS CALLED  
GIANT-MAN.

SKROO

HIS SUDDEN GROWTH SPURT--MENTALLY  
TRIGGERED BY THE ACTIVATION OF  
QUANTUM-CONTROL PYM PARTICLES OF  
HIS OWN DISCOVERY--SHATTERS  
THROUGH STONE AND STREET ABOVE...

...TEARING OPEN A LAST-SECOND  
ESCAPE VALVE FOR THE CRUSHING  
PRESSURE OF THE RUSHING,  
ROARING SEWER WATERS.



UNIT  
88-14  
ALERT,  
PERIM-  
ETER  
PENE-  
TRATION.

SCANNING FOR  
INTRUDER  
IDENTIFICATION.

HIS TEAMMATES MIGHT  
NOW SURVIVE THE  
DELUGE BELOW.

BUT TOPSIDE...



...ALL EYES ARE ON THE BIG GUY.

ENHANCED HUMAN DESIGNATE:  
HENRY PYM / ANT-MAN / GIANT-  
MAN / SOLIATH / YELLOWJACKET.

IMMEDIATE  
OBJECTIVE:  
UNKNOWN.

PREVAILING  
STATUS...



...TERMINATION  
IN PROGRESS.

KRZZZZ

N-NOT  
JUST Y-YET,  
SENTINEL--

--NOT SO  
EASILY,  
THAT'S FOR  
SURE--











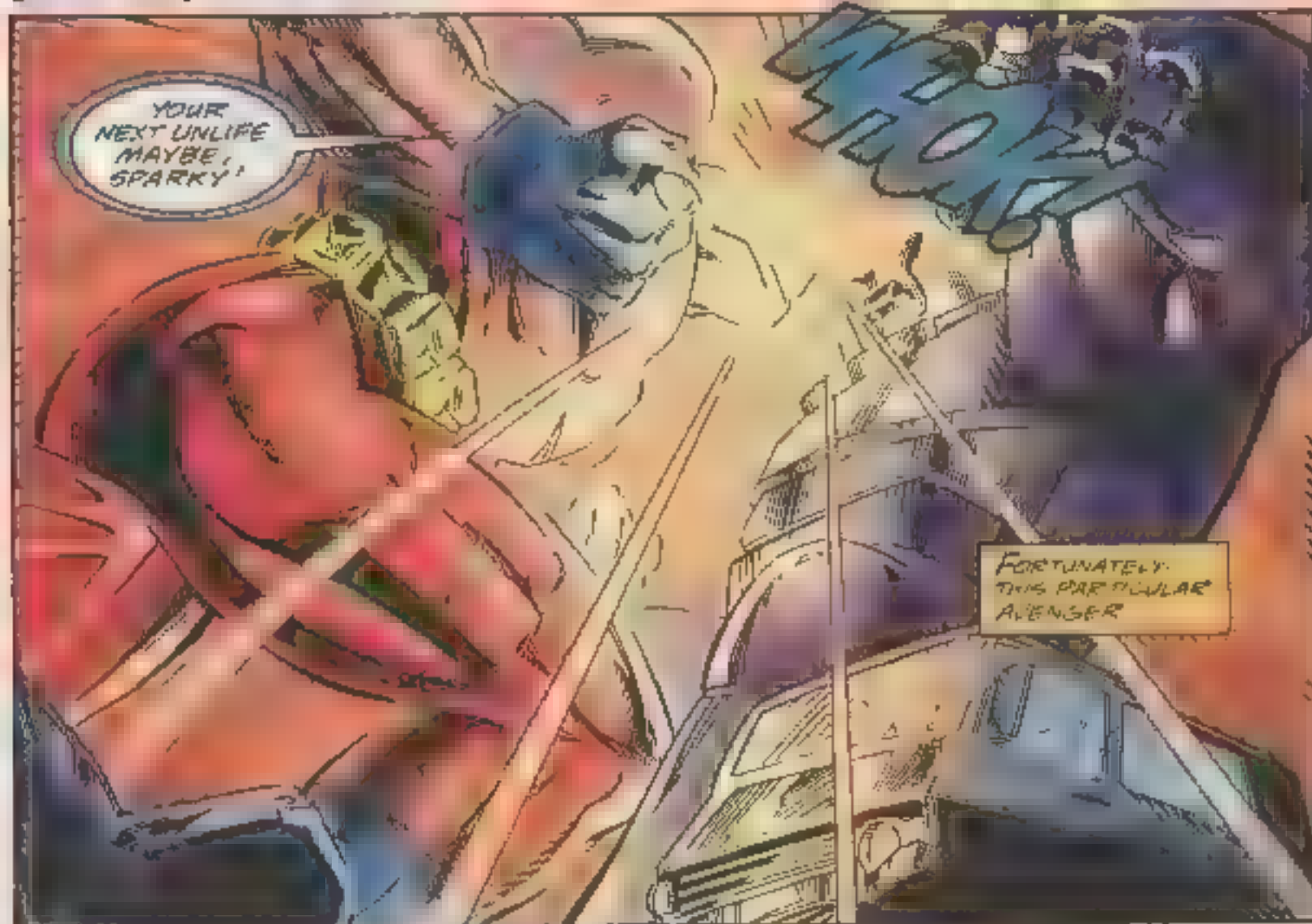




ANOTHER  
STRUGGLES TO BUY  
HIM EVERY  
PRECIOUS SECOND

CONCLUSIVE  
ENERGY  
TRANSFER  
MANUAL TO  
VISUAL

OPTIMUM OPTICAL  
CHARGE N-



YOUR  
NEXT UNLIFE  
MAYBE,  
SPARKY!

WOW

FORTUNATELY  
THIS PARTICULAR  
AVENGER



IS KNOWN FOR  
USING HIS HEAD

MATRIX  
DAM AGE  
IN T1 N71  
IN P11



UNFORTUNATELY

YEEEARGH--!



THE PVI-ARMOR SUPPOSEDLY  
CONCEIVED BY XAVIER HIM-  
SELF, TO PROTECT AGAINST  
TELEPATHIC INCURSION



DR PYM AND I DID WHAT  
WE COULD TO MICRO-  
PROCESS THE COMPONENT  
DESIGN, AS YOU CAN SEE.

BUT IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING  
I DON'T - WE CAN SEE'S WAY MORE  
THAN LIKELY, CONSIDERING--

--IF YOU HAVE ANY LAST-  
MINUTE MODIFICATIONS  
AT ALL BEFORE WE GO  
INTO FINAL--



HOLD  
DISPLAYS  
OUT LIKE A  
LIKE A

LIKE A LIGHT  
I SUPPOSE

SUIT'S SYSTEMS MUST BE RUN-  
NING LOW ALREADY. PANTHER  
SHUNTING THE LAST OF MY  
ENERGY RESERVES TO LIFE  
SUPPORT FOR THE DURATION

AND I'M STILL  
NOT CLEAR ON  
HOW WE'RE SUP-  
POSED TO PRO-  
DUCE THE POWER  
NEEDED TO PUT  
THE MODEL  
INTO PRO-  
DUCTION



POWER, MY  
YOUNG OLD  
FR END.

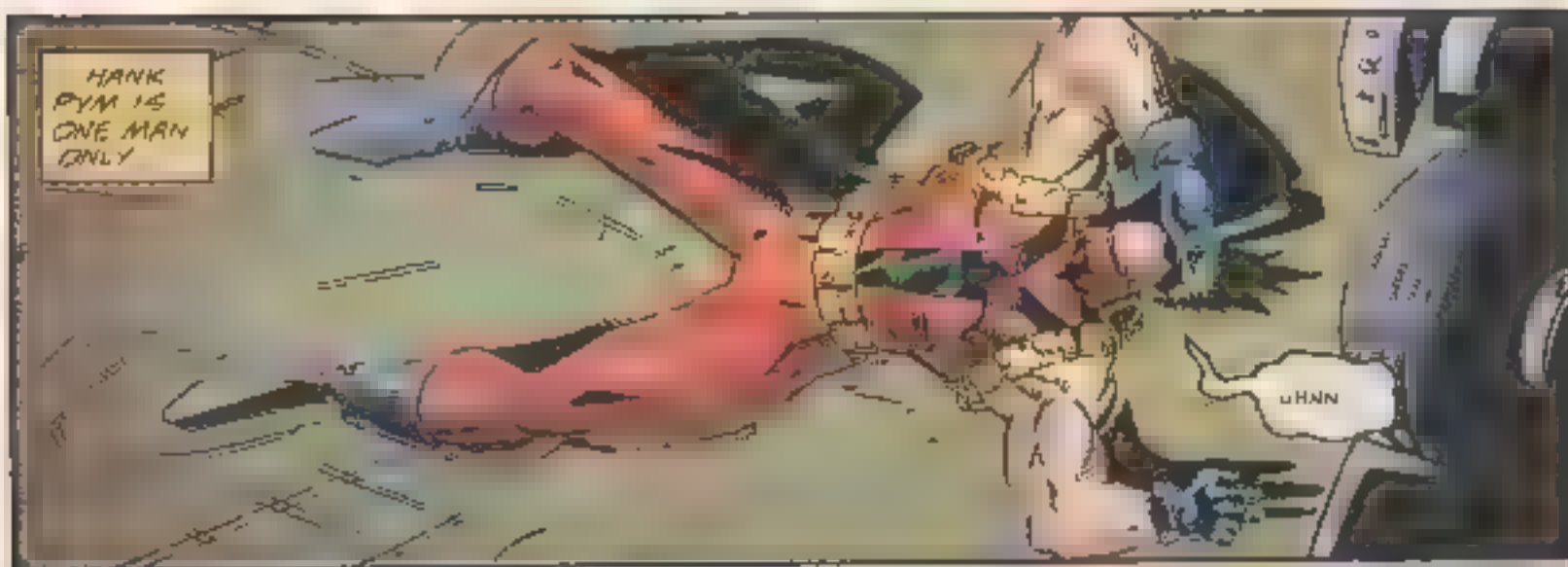


IS NOT  
A PROBLEM  
HERE

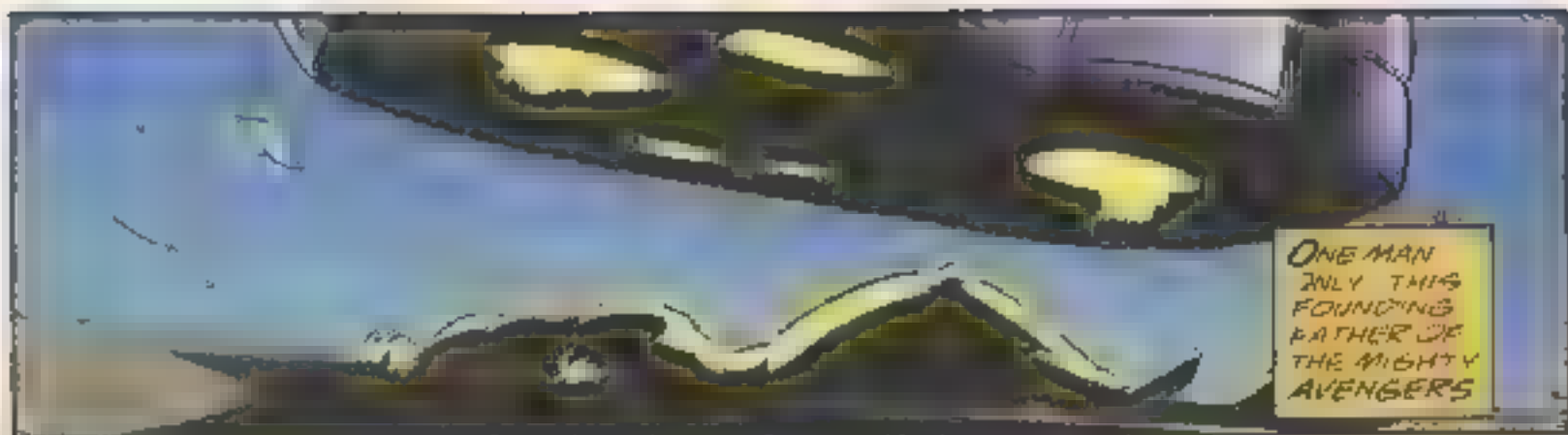
VIBRANIUM,  
I ASSUME...?

STUFF'S  
GOING TO HAVE TO  
BE EVERYTHING  
EVERYONE SAYS  
AND A WAY LOT  
MORE--









ONE MAN  
ONLY THIS  
FOUNDING  
FATHER OF  
THE MIGHTY  
AVENGERS



NOT HOWEVER,

ONE MAN  
ALONE



NEVER  
ALONE

PRIOR TO  
TARGET RE  
ASSESSMENT  
IN EFFECT

ZZZZK

WARNING ALERT  
MISCALCULATION OF  
MUTANT VELOCITY  
PARAMETERS--

- JIN T HS-12  
STABILITY  
COMPROMISED

SKRAASH

MATRIX  
INTEGRITY  
THREATENED

DESTROY ALL  
AVENGERS.

DESTR

DESTROY ALL  
AVENGERS.

DESTROY  
AL-

- OY ALL  
AVENGERS

GIVE 'T  
YOUR BEST  
SHOT TIN  
MEN--

BY ALL  
MEANS  
PLEASE



" THE CHASE IS ON "

PERFECT

HAS TO BE  
T'CHALLA ..

.. I'M ALREADY RUNNING WAY LATE FOR  
MY RENDEZVOUS IN TIMES SQUARE  
WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM

PSI-SHIELDS  
WOULD STILL BE  
PSI SCRAP WITH  
OUT THE VIBRANIUM  
JUMPSTART  
THOUGH

YOU CAN'T  
KNOW HOW  
MUCH ALL  
THIS ..

I MERELY SUPPLIED  
THE MEANS, ANTHONY.

YOU YOURSELF  
WERE THE  
METHOD.

BUT REED  
RICHARDS SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO DUPLI-  
CATE THIS PROTO-  
TYPE FOR THE OTHERS  
NOW WITH JUST THE  
SMALLEST CACHE  
OF WAKANDA'S  
REMANING  
VIBRANIUM ..

.. AND MY  
PEOPLE WILL  
LIKELY BE  
SAFEST AT FOUR  
FREEDOM'S PLAZA  
UNTIL

SKRREAAK

ENHANCED HUMANS  
IDENTIFIED T'CHALLA/  
BLACK PANTHER  
AND IRON MAN

AFFILIATION ESTABLISHED,  
DIRECTIVE RECONFIRMED

DESTROY ALL



LOOKS LIKE  
QUICKSLIVER  
LURED OFF  
MOST OF THE  
LOCAL BOTS,  
ALL RIGHT.

KRAA-  
CHOOO

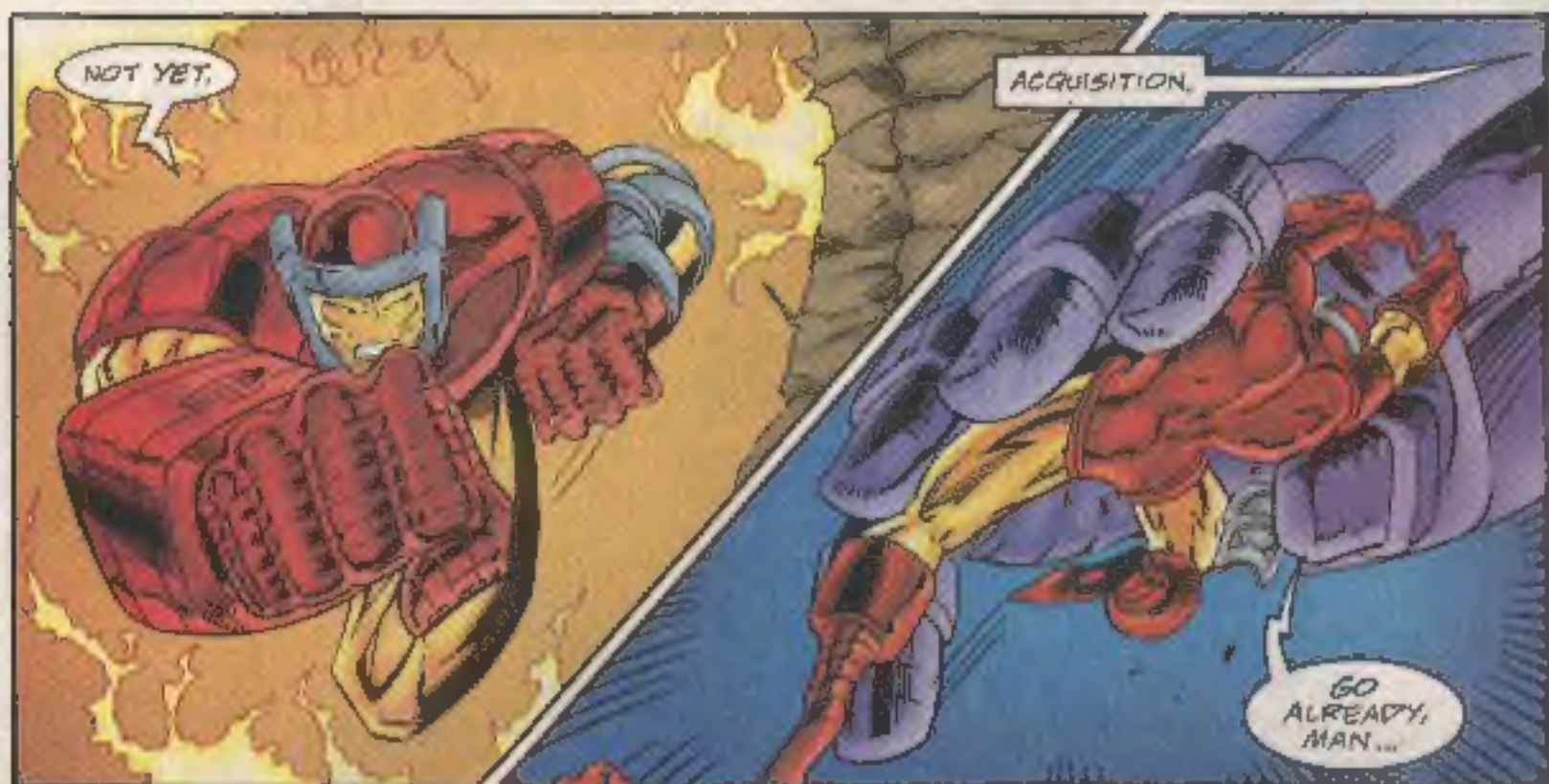
"BUT THE HOME  
BOY HERE MUST BE  
COUNTER-PROGRAMMED  
TO COVER THE  
CONSULATE AND  
ONLY THE CONSULATE

-- THROUGH  
ANYTHING AND  
EVERYTHING WE'VE  
GOT!

AND HE'S NOT  
GOING DOWN,  
PANTHER

CHOOO  
CHOOO













"RIGHT UP UNTIL  
THE VERY END."

HE'S  
LATE.

IN WHAT  
SENSE OF  
THE WORD,  
EXACTLY...?

NOT FUNNY.

NOT  
MEANT  
TO BE,  
HENRY.

LEAVING A  
BOY BEHIND TO  
DO A MAN'S JOB  
IS NO LAUGHING  
MATTER...



WE  
ALLOWED THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
COULD DO WHAT  
NEEDED TO BE  
DONE TO DO IT.

THAT'S WHAT  
THIS TEAM'S BEEN  
ALL ABOUT  
SINCE DAY ONE,  
PIETRO.

AND I  
REMEMBER A  
TIME, NOT ALL  
THAT LONG AGO,  
WHEN THAT "BOY"  
COULD HAVE--AND  
WOULD HAVE--  
BEEN YOU.

INDEED...



"...BUT THE TIMES  
THEY ARE A'  
CHANGIN'."

HOLY--!?





UNIT IM-Z  
REPORTING...



--WITH PARTY  
HATS FOR  
EVERYONE!

NO  
DOUBT  
ABOUT IT,  
AVENGERS,

THE  
MORE  
THINGS  
CHANGE...

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME  
TO AN END... IN  
**ONSLAUGHT / MARVEL  
UNIVERSE!** BE THERE!